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At another time, on a long case, I was called upon at different times to nurse seven other members of the family, with grip, tonsillitis, etc. One had a light case of pneumonia, and a history sheet was needed for a week.

When pay day came (the family were abundantly able to pay) nothing was said by either party about the extra seven patients.

Some people think twenty-five dollars a week pays for every minute of the day and night for seven days, and that they are entitled to all a nurse can do in that time.

In our state (Iowa), when pupil nurses are sent out, the patient is expected to have the laundry done for the nurse, I understand, but public sentiment seems to be that a nurse who gets twenty-five dollars a week is expected to pay for her own laundry, be it done in the family or sent out. In three and one-half years I have never had a piece done in a patient's house, and have had the offer just twice.

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#### WHAT IS THE NURSE'S DUTY WHEN DOCTOR IS CARELESS?

DEAR EDITOR: What is a nurse's duty when a doctor calls on a scarlet-fever patient and makes no change of clothing on going in or coming out, and, when a doctor's gown is offered him, says: "It is not necessary"? This has happened three times, and I have hinted and hinted about it. One doctor brings his medicine-case and unpacks it in the room, and takes his time to putting up the medicines, even staying much longer than necessary, visiting with the patient. He is the kind who does not love trained nurses to begin with; but even then is it the nurse's duty to let it happen every time he calls? What do other private nurses do? There must be other physicians like these. They seem to be common enough in the country towns.

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[From the old-fashioned standpoint, a nurse should be silent; but we believe the time will come when a nurse will be expected to report such carelessness to the Board of Health. She is not serving the doctor, but the family, and she should have an obligation to the public.—Ed.]

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#### THE ADVANTAGE OF THE THREE YEARS' COURSE

DEAR EDITOR: Upon reading Dr. Bristow's paper in the last number of *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*, and seeing the editorial call for expression from the rank and file as well as from superintendents, I